

I support only a small part of the Petition of Peter M. Beauregard, KI1I. His proposal to would give all Technician licensees current Novice/Tech Plus CW privileges on 80, 40,15 and 10 meters and limited phone and image privileges on 80, 40 and 10 meters does not go far enough.

Nor does his proposed new Tech phone/image privileges on 3850-3900 kHz and 7225-7300 kHz go far enough.

What is needed to be done by the commission is no less than the complete elimination of element 1 from all classes of amateur radio licenses.

The immediate removal of the telegraphy requirement from all classes of Amateur Radio licensing is appropriate and clearly in the public interest.

Further, the commission should at once grant Tech Plus HF privileges to current Technician licensees.

I suggest that the Commission take expedited action to allow volunteer examiner coordinators (VECs) to discontinue administering Element 1 "as soon as possible," if possible, within the next 60 days.

The Amateur Service community suffers from the loss to its ranks of a large number of potentially excellent operators who are turned away because of the CW requirement.

With the WARC decision this summer, which gives each country the right to determine of CW skills should be included as part of an amateur radio license exam, there is no longer any reasonable justification for requiring an applicant to demonstrate this antiquated skill.

Further, most applicants never use Morse after they pass the test.

I will tell you that it is the CW Element 1 requirement and not the technical knowledge required that has prevented me for the last 10 years from upgrading my license.

The FCC does not require licensees to demonstrate proof of the ability to use voice, RTTY, PSK, SSTV or other modes of communications. It is time that the CW requirement be eliminated.